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### **1th May 2023**

#### FAOPMA-Pest Summit 2023 Cancelled

Kaohsiung, Taiwan - It is with great regret that the FAOPMA (Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers Association) and the TEPMA (Taiwan Environmental Pest Management Association) jointly announce the cancellation of the FAOPMA-Pest Summit 2023, which was originally scheduled to take place from 12-14 September in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

On 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023, FAOPMA received a joint resignation letter from 4 of the Executive Committee members including the president and the vice president. Subsequently, on 17<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023, we received a joint notice from 5 member associations to withdraw from FAOPMA. These events were completely unforeseen to the remaining EXCO of FAOPMA, or TEPMA and the Pest Summit Organizing Committee.

As the result, the Pest Summit Organizing Committee had to face uncertainty and financial risks which was completely out of their control. After discussions, FAOPMA and the TEPMA have been forced to make the difficult decision to cancel the event. Despite our best efforts to proceed with the conference, we ultimately determined that canceling the event was the responsible thing to do in order to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of our organization and the annual meeting.

We understand that this news may disappoint our attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors, and we want to assure them that this was not an easy decision to make. However, we believe it is the best course of action to maintain the high standards of quality and excellence that our community has come to expect.

FAOPMA would like to extend our sincere gratitude to TEPMA and the organizing committee for their tremendous effort preparing for the conference. Both FAOPMA and TEPMA appreciate all of our supporters for their unwavering support and



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understanding during this difficult time. We remain committed to our mission of promoting excellence in the pest control industry and are exploring alternative ways to connect and share knowledge within our community.

Despite the disappointment of not being able to host this year's conference, we see this as an opportunity to re-evaluate our priorities and emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before. We are exploring alternative ways to continue connecting and sharing knowledge within the pest control industry and look forward to announcing new opportunities soon.

Planning for FAOPMA-Pest Summit 2024 is well underway, and we are confident that the team from the Indian Pest Control Association will ensure it is one of the most successful events to date. We encourage all interested parties to subscribe to FAOPMA for updates at [www.faopma.com](http://www.faopma.com).

### Refund

For all the sponsors who have already paid the sponsorship amount, the TEPMA will refund the full amount. We truly appreciate the support and patience from all the sponsors. We hope to collaborate with you again in future.

For refund information for sponsors and delegates, please contact the TEPMA at [tepma2020@gmail.com](mailto:tepma2020@gmail.com)

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